WHEREAS, Today's society has become increasingly dependent on life saving, health giving, labor saving products, which may necessarily contain potentially poisonous substances; and,

WHEREAS, Small children too frequently gain access to these toxic household products and medicines despite constantly improving packaging techniques; and,

WHEREAS, The tragedies associated with accidental poisoning could be prevented if our people would become more aware of the potential hazards of these products; and,

WHEREAS, Annual Poison Prevention Week observances during the past sixteen years have informed citizens of individual responsibilities in helping to prevent potential poisoning and has motivated us to positive action; and,

WHEREAS, These Poison Prevention Week efforts have been paralleled by a dramatic decline of sixty-eight per cent in the number of accidental deaths from poisoning among children under five years of age:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 20, through March 26, 1977, as

POISON PREVENTION WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge participation by all local governments and all other organizations in the working of citizens of our State toward prevention of the insidious and ever present hazards associated with poisoning.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

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